

# Shasta County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

## National Parent Leadership Month February 2019

**WHEREAS**, Parent Leadership is an essential and effective means of strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, meaningful Parenting Leadership occurs when parents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in meaningful leadership roles and present a “parent voice” to help shape the direction of their families, programs, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council recognizes the vital importance of partnering with parents and assisting public systems and private organizations, policymakers, and other key stakeholders to effectively implement Parent Leadership strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific studies confirm a direct link between child abuse and a significantly greater risk later in life for substance abuse, criminal behavior, suicide, eating disorders, smoking, and premature death from chronic disease, cancer and other serious illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the power of parents speaking publicly about their experiences has made, and will continue to make, an impact on the lives of families everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parent Leadership Advisory Group has a passionate group of parent leaders who volunteer on many capacities throughout the county in hopes of saturating our community with protective factors and reducing risk associated with adverse childhood experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, National Parent Leadership Month recognizes, honors, and celebrates parent for the vital leadership roles in their homes and communities and in local, state, national, and international arenas;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta hereby proclaims February 2019 as **National Parent Leadership Month** in Shasta County and calls upon all organizations, community members and businesses to increase their participation in strength based efforts to prevent child abuse.

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Leonard Moty, Chairman

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February 5, 2019

Date